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PRESS RELEASE

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Nature of Event: Sheriff's Office Salutes Dispatchers
Location of Event: Auburn and Tahoe Stations

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is honoring its public safety dispatchers during National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

From April 10-16, public safety dispatchers across the country will be honored for the remarkable work they perform in intense situations. They are often called the ultimate "multi-taskers." This week, celebrated annually, honors the thousands of women and men who the first access point to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to citizens.

In addition to dispatching law enforcement for unincorporated Placer County, sheriff's dispatchers also take emergency and medical calls for 11 fire agencies. Last year, the 35 dispatchers in Auburn and Tahoe created nearly 134,000 calls for service. For every call created, dispatchers receive multiple reports of the same incident on 17 9-1-1 lines, five emergency numbers and 14 business lines.

Sheriff's dispatchers are specially trained in Emergency Medical Dispatching, which allows them to walk a caller through CPR, childbirth and many other medical emergencies. The Sheriff Department's 911-dispatch center is in the midst of many upgrades, including a computerized regional dispatching system that will link all law enforcement agencies in the county.

"Every day, each of us depends on the skills and expertise of our dispatchers," said Sheriff Ed Bonner. "It's important to recognize and celebrate the hard work of these dedicated professionals."